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## Coosa Springs into Fellowship!

By Charles Simmons, Lodge Vice-Chief of Fellowship

The weekend of March 16 – 18, the Coosa Lodge 50 held its 2nd annual Spring Fellowship at Camp Comer with about 200 in attendance. Although cold, it went through with a blast! The Fellowship offered great games, from culinary delight and wischixin to even basic scoutcraft games like knot-tying and log-sawing, which helped us get better acquainted with one another. To give the ceremonies teams a little warm up before conclave we held a mock competition for the teams between the tribes and chapters, and they all did great! And speaking of ceremonies, we held a brotherhood ceremony and several new Brotherhood members were added to our ranks – we congratulate those who sealed their membership in the Lodge and Order by achieving Brotherhood.



We also spent some time in service to Camp Comer, by constructing picnic tables and cleaning brush from around the new First Aid Lodge. And don't forget everyone's favorite, patch trading - it was everywhere! Several members provided patch displays of old OA, council and camp memorabilia for us to enjoy, and a patch auction was held at the cracker-barrel that raised over \$1,200 to start a camp scholarship fund.

At the evening show, the Coosa Lodge bestowed the Founder's Award on 3 recipients for 2001: Lodge Chief Massey Griffin, Kaskanampo Tribe Chief Chris Brightwell, and Dale Abercrombie – we congratulate them on this well-deserved achievement! So, as you can see, we had an action packed fun filled weekend that everyone enjoyed! If you missed it, start planning now for the Fall Fellowship at Winnataska – it will be great!

## New Lodge Elangomat Award

By Red Feather Herald Staff

At the March meeting, the LEC approved a new Lodge Award to recognize Elangomat service at Lodge Ordeals. Called the Coosa Elangomat Award, this award will consist of an applique patch that may be placed over the lodge totem on the lodge flap when earned. The requirements for this award are as follows:

- 1) Serves as an Elangomat on 2 occasions
- 2) Has 60% of the Ordeal members in his clans to achieve Brotherhood membership.

This award will be presented at any lodge function as soon as the requirements are met. Each elangomat will be given a sheet of requirements that will allow them to keep up and track the ordeal candidates in their clans.

## First Year Arrowman Program Started

By David Ferguson, Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions

At the recent LEC meeting, a new program designed to target new Arrowmen and encourage their participation was discussed and approved. Called the First Year Arrowman Program, this will help our new members to feel more welcome, thereby promoting better Brotherhood conversion. New members who complete this program will earn the Coosa Exceptional First Year Arrowman Award, which will be awarded at the annual Spring Fellowship. This program will start with our new members in 2001, and each new member will receive a copy of the requirements with their Ordeal packet and send it in so you don't miss any of the action!

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## History Corner - Eastern Native America

By Tim Burns, Lodge Newspaper Editor

Other Spanish explorers following in the steps of DeSoto such as DeLuna in 1559, Del Pardo in 1567, and Delgado in 1686 continued to add to the depredation and depopulation of the early Coosa through the continued introduction of pathogens and viruses which the Coosas and other early Southeastern Indians had no immunity. As each Spanish explorer entered the same area in later successive years, each chronicler indicated significantly less populations and smaller cities than previously reported by DeSoto. This decrease in numbers may have been due to introduced diseases, but also social and political crisis due to losses and leadership and political strength as the early Amer-Indian armies and warring allies also decreased in numbers.

At their apogee, their great towns would have resembled the still erect structures seen at Ocmulgee, Georgia, Moundville, Alabama, the Etowa mounds in Georgia, and to lesser extent the greatness of the Mississippian city of Cahokia.

Though through a lack of written records, the Coosa excelled in communal farming, weaponry, clothing, often producing a myriad of trade goods and trading specialties, visiting as far as Texas, the Gulf, and the Atlantic Seaboard. The large mounds, usually associated with the larger towns and cities, were used for ceremonial and religious reasons, not excluding applying them as platforms to escape periodic flooding by the associated rivers and creeks. Their religion, social structure, folkways, mores, and laws were all passed on through oral tradition.

The Coosa King's first meeting with DeSoto, on July 16, 1540, inclusive of his being borne on the shoulders, on a royal platform, by the principle leaders, on robes of martin skins, in the form and size of a woman's shawl, and wearing a crown of multi-colored feathers two feet high, surrounded by hundreds of followers, who were singing and playing instruments and drums of varying kinds, still soon resulted in the eventual kidnapping of the Coosa King by Desoto, along with continued unfriendly relations with the Spanish throughout that period of exploration.

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## Ordeal Service Opportunities!

By David Ferguson, Lodge Vice-Chief of Inductions

The OA member's involvement in the Ordeal weekend is of vital importance to the success of the Ordeal for each new candidate. While exemplifying service to others, members of the Order support their new brothers by showing cheerfulness and character as they work along side them in their "irksome tasks". Also, if you were a new Ordeal member last year, participating in this year's Ordeals is a great way of showing your interest in playing an active role in the lodge. Here are a few ways that you may become active in an Ordeal:

1. Serve as an Elangomat at any Ordeal
2. Achieve Brotherhood during the weekend, or serve on the Brotherhood testing team
3. Help with ceremonies preparation
4. Serve in the kitchen area and help prepare food for all the candidates and members
5. Volunteer to be a group leader and help run projects
6. Consider being an Ordeal Master at an upcoming Ordeal

The Elangomat program in Coosa Lodge is developing into a great opportunity for service. As an Elangomat, you will have the chance to re-experience the Ordeal, not as a candidate, but as a leader, directing and guiding a group of new candidates toward a more meaningful Ordeal experience. As incentive to recognize outstanding Elangomat service, the Coosa Lodge Elangomat Award has been created. Details of this award are in another article in this edition. There is no time limit on this award, but the sooner, the better! You may contact David Ferguson at (256) 878-9510 or by e-mail at coosa\_50@hotmail.com for more information.

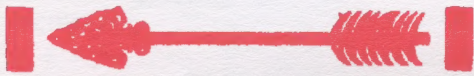
Finally, I believe that as Coosa Lodge 50 grows, our Ordeals will become better for everyone involved. To attain this, we each must become an active role in our tribe and lodge-wide Ordeals and events. Just remember that participation targets purpose. And with a spirit of cheerful service at heart, I urge you to come to one of the three upcoming Ordeals this year and be a part of the many events and projects our lodge has going on. We know that your participation will be meaningful to the Lodge and to the candidates unto which the Ordeal is centered.



## Editorial

By Tim Burns, Lodge Newspaper Editor

As many of you are noticing, there have been some additions to the newsletter, blast from the past, History's Corner, and various tidbits of training Information. Well there are going to be three more additions. They are "Ask the Editor", "Ask the Chief", and finally "Ask the Advisor". The purpose of these three articles is to allow you to ask questions concerning the Lodge so that others may see both the question and the answer. But before we can add these articles into the Newsletter, we need your questions. So send any questions to myself, Dr. Flatt, or Massey Griffin.



### From The Lodge Chief

By Massey Griffin, Lodge Chief

Greetings Brothers,

I hope all of you that attended the Spring Fellowship at Camp Comer had a blast. I was very impressed at the Saturday night campfire when I asked the 2000 ordeal initiates to stand. I thought I saw about half of the crowd stand up. That very much assured me that we could reach our goal of quality lodge. I think that it is very big that these new ordeal members are so enthusiastic about coming to the events. I'm so glad that the new ordeal members are living up to the obligation. I hope you all intend to come back to one of our events and receive your brotherhood membership.

Conclave is just around the bend, and I hope that all of you that are going have a blast. I'm looking forward to seeing how our lodge does in this last SR-8B Conclave. I think that we are really going to shine this year!

Also, summer is just a stones throw away. So this is a word out to the chapters to get your unit elections underway. We want to see big turnouts at the ordeals, and we don't want any unit to be overlooked.

## Adviser's Viewpoint

By James Flatt, MD, Lodge Advisor

Congratulations to the Achunanchi Tribe on hosting a fun Spring Fellowship at Comer! This was a great blend of fun, fellowship, and service, and the Coosa Cook Crew made sure we didn't go hungry!

Time to focus on finalizing those unit elections, and preparing for Ordeals and the summer camp sessions. Remember, call-outs should occur at summer camp at Comer or Sequoyah, or at a troopevent such as a Court of Honor.

Enclosed in this edition is the Ordeal Candidate Registration Form - each candidate should receive one

at his call-out, but if an elected Scout in your troop has not received one, please make sure he gets a copy and sends it in.

If you've been an ordeal member for 10 months, make plans to come out and seal your membership by attaining the Brotherhood honor. The Brotherhood will be offered at each ordeal and fellowship this year.

We'll see you at camp!



## — Arrow Points —

### Unit Elections Forms Due!

Don't forget that your chapter's unit elections forms are due by May 15th - send them to Anand Iyer, 920

Munday Dr., Anniston, AL 36207, email:

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Huntsville, AL 35802, email: lbowers@hiwaay.net.

### Summer Camp Fellowship!

Watch for weekly OA fellowships at Camp Comer and Camp Sequoyah this summer! This will be a great time to meet Lodge members from other troops, or even from other councils who are attending our camps.



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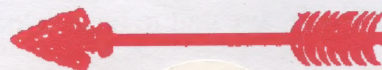
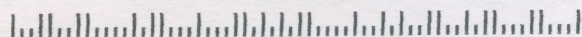
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## Coosa Lodge 50 2001 Calendar

January 27	Lodge Leadership Development Conference	Ashbury UMC Madison, AL
March 16-18	Spring Fellowship	Comer
April 20-22	Conclave	Spanish Trail Scout Reservation DeFuniak Springs, FL Yustaga 385 Host
June 1-3	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Comer
July 21	Workday / Brotherhood	Westmoreland
August 17-19	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Sequoyah
September 7-9	Ordeal / Brotherhood	Jackson
October 5-7	Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow	Winnataska

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### 2001 Ordeal Candidate Registration Form

Congratulations on your election to the Order of the Arrow! Your selection by the Scouts in your troop is an honor, and we look forward to your participation in our Lodge.

To become a member of the Coosa Lodge 50 of the Order of the Arrow, you must complete the induction process called the Ordeal. The scheduled Ordeals for this year are:

<b>June 1 - 3</b>	<b>Camp Comer</b>
<b>August 17 - 19</b>	<b>Camp Sequoyah</b>
<b>September 7 - 9</b>	<b>Camp Jackson</b>

You may attend any of the above Ordeals, but you must register for the Ordeal you choose by completing the form below. The cost of the Ordeal is \$35, and must be mailed **with this completed form** by the deadline listed below.

The Ordeal begins **promptly** at 6 PM Friday evening, and concludes by 10 AM Sunday morning. No supper will be served Friday evening, so plan to eat before you arrive. **Bring work clothes and gloves, groundcloth, sleeping bag, Class A uniform, flashlight, toiletries, and a copy of your current, completed Scout Class III physical form.** Maps to camp may be obtained from your Scoutmaster, or your Service Area Scout office.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the Ordeal you will attend, and mail by the deadline below to:**

OA Staff Adviser  
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*please include check for \$35 payable to:*  
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\_\_\_\_\_ **June 1 - 3** Ordeal - Camp Comer                      deadline: May 21, 2001

\_\_\_\_\_ **August 17 - 19** Ordeal - Camp Sequoyah                      deadline: August 8, 2001

\_\_\_\_\_ **September 7 - 9** Ordeal - Camp Jackson                      deadline: August 31, 2001